

## Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

*Tuesday, April 2, 2013  
Regular Meeting Minutes*

### I. **Roll Call: 6:45 pm**

Present: Dagley, Garrick, Knowles, Malik, Sowell  
Absent: Lee-Goodman, MacDonell, Parr, Tyler  
Staff Liaison: Kuhnke  
Police Liaison: Det. Gasca

### II. **Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley**

Chair Dagley welcomed all present and noted excused absences for Lee-Goodman, MacDonell, Parr, and Tyler.

### III. **Public Comments Regarding Special Meeting Items:** None

### IV. **Special Reports/Presentations:** None

### V. **Approve Minutes:**

Kuhnke pointed out error in spelling of Det. Gasca's name in the March 5, 2013 minutes for correction.

***Motion to approve March 5, 2013 minutes as corrected. Moved, Knowles; Seconded, Malike.***

***Yes: 5; No: 0; Absent: 4 (Lee-Goodman, McDonell, Parr, Tyler). Motion Approved.***

### VI. **Status Reports:**

#### 1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Det. Gasca reported a possible new hate crime on March 30 near the intersection of Brookhurst and Banning Streets involving skateboarders. Further investigation is required to determine whether the incident will be classified as a hate crime. In the previously reported October 6, 2012 stabbing, Gasca reports an arrest is forthcoming. Det. Gasca will also follow up on an incident that was reported in "The Wave" on February 14, 2013 regarding an incident that occurred on February 4, 2013.

#### 2. Coordinating Council News/Activities:

Knowles reported that the guest speaker at the April 1 meeting was Roni Ellis, Director of Community Relations, Ocean View School District. Ms. Ellis spoke of funding cuts and the initiation of the Saturday School Program for students with absences. Garrick suggested that the TF might consider developing programs that could be used as part of the Saturday School program.

#### 3. OC Human Relations News/Activities:

Malik reported OC Human Relations will be holding its annual event on May 2, 2013. A flier of the event with this year's winners was distributed. Dagley encouraged members to attend this event.

#### 3. HB Reads 2013 News/Activities:

Dagley reported a successful HB Reads author event on March 21 and 22. The March 21 author visit was well received with approximately 40 in attendance at the reception and 100 at the evening presentation. The March 22 event was packed with high school students and the author was well received. HB Reads will begin the process for selecting the 2014 book. Dagley also reported that HB Reads received its private-nonprofit 501(c)(3) status.

#### 4. HRTF Donation Account Balance:

Kuhnke reported the balance as unchanged at \$1,928.86, but noted the balance will be reduced pending receipt of final bills for the District- Wide Day of Dialogue.

### VII. **Updates, Planning, and Possible Motions pertaining to the following events/programs:**

#### 1. Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee:

Knowles reported that he is beginning to make inquiries with local service clubs. The city has a taxpayer identification number and all donations are tax deductible. Once costs have been identified for the Museum of Tolerance trips, he will be able to actively begin. Members include Dagley, Knowles, Parr.

2. HRTF Student Representative Programs:

Garrick distributed a copy of the draft Student Representative Committee Meeting Agenda for the April 13 meeting. Highlights included a report on the successful District-Wide Day of Dialogue on March 27 with 42 students from six high schools. When HB High School attended later in the day, all seven high schools in the district were represented. Garrick also displayed pictures and the students' listing of challenges from the event. Malik suggested that evaluation forms be utilized in the future. Thank you letters will be sent to OC Human Relations staff Don Han and Seema Bhakta and Councilmember Katapodis.

3. Report from Ad Hoc Museum of Tolerance Trips Committee

Dagley reported on behalf of Lee-Goodman that the Museum of Tolerance has plenty of tour tickets available. The TF suggested that Garrick follow up with school administrators as soon as possible regarding their level of interest in participating. Dagley will follow up with Lee-Goodman regarding additional Task Force questions. Committee members include Lee-Goodman, Garrick, Malik, Tyler.

**VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:**

1. Continued review, discussion and consideration of 2012-13 work plan for the HRTF:

Dagley facilitated discussion regarding additional possible program ideas. Ideas discussed included development of programs in conjunction with Federal Cultural Heritage months, Trabuco Hills High School bullying performances in schools, a cultural diversity festival, as well as a greater emphasis of presenting the Declaration of Policy about Human Dignity to local organizations. Discussion ensued regarding the best methods for impacting our community and how success should be measured. Sowell expressed the need to educate our community about other cultures and suggested the possible development of a program focused around National Diversity Day. Dagley encouraged members to give further thought to these ideas by the next meeting.

**IX. Task Force Member Comments:**

***Adjournment at 8:45 pm to: May 7, 2013, Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 pm***